

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Kiyobumi Kurita et al.  
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**LETTER CONCERNING DECLARATION**

Dear Examiner Kastler:

A detailed action accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Allowability mailed on December 19, 2008 rejected the declaration as filed in this case as being defective.

The reason provided for the defect is that "applicant has not given a post office address anywhere in the application papers as required by 37 CFR 1.33(a), which was in effect at the time of the filing of the oath or declaration."

The declaration filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 17, 2006, a copy of which is attached, contained the required postal addresses of all inventors.

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Each inventor's postal address was typed *above* the line where the postal address was required.

Accordingly, the declaration as filed was and is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a).

Applicants respectfully request that the declaration as filed on May 17, 2006 be accepted and further favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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